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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Belgium*, Denmark*, France, Germany, Greece*, Ireland*, Italy, Luxembourg*, Netherlands, Norway*, Portugal*, Spain*, Sweden*, Switzerland*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Situation of human rights in China

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Recalling that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and to fulfil the obligations they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field, as most recently reaffirmed in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Taking note of some recent positive developments in the situation of human rights in China, including the most recent release of some political prisoners, and steps toward beginning reform of the Chinese legal system,

Concerned, however, at the continuing reports of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in China, as well as inadequate protection of the distinct cultural, religious and ethnic identity of the Tibetans and of other persons belonging to minorities,

Taking note of the reports of the Special Rapporteurs on the question of torture (E/CN.4/1994/31), extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (E/CN.4/1994/7) and on the question of religious intolerance (E/CN.4/1994/79), as well as the report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (E/CN.4/1994/26),

1. Expresses concern over continuing reports of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in China, including torture, and severe restrictions on the rights of freedom of expression, religion, assembly, association and to a fair trial;

2. Calls upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to take further measures to ensure the full observance of all human rights, including the rights of women;

3. Invites the Government of the People's Republic of China to continue to cooperate with all special rapporteurs and working groups;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Government of the People's Republic of China and to prepare a report for the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session on the situation of human rights in China on the basis of available information, including the reports of the Special Rapporteurs, Working Groups and treaty bodies, as well as any other relevant information.